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SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN DEMARCHE ON UK- ICELANDIC FISHERIES DIS-
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1. NORWEGIAN MINISTER SVERRE ON INSTRUCTIONS DISCUSSED GON APPREHENSION OVER EFFECT OF UK- ICELANDIC DISPUTE WITH DEP. ASST. SECRETARY SPRINGSTEEN. GON BELIEVES CONFLICT HAS HAD CONSIDERABLE ADVERSE EFFECT ON ICELANDIC DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION WHICH COULD LEAD TO ICELAND'S LEAVING NATO AND CLOSING KEFLAVIK BASE. SUCH DEVELOPMENT WOULD WEAKEN NORWAY'S SECURITY AND MAKE ITS DEFENSE BY NATO MORE DIFFICULT.

2. THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT HOPES THAT THE USG WILL USE ITS INFLUENCE IN AN APPROPRIATE MANNER TO BRING THE PARTIES BACK TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE. THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT IN VIEW OF THE PRESENT SITUATION IN ICELAND
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AND STATEMENTS MADE BY FOREIGN MINISTER AGUSTSSON, THAT THE ICELANDIC GOVERNMENT CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO MAKE ANY FORMAL STATEMENT THAT IT WILL STOP HARASSMENT OF BRITISH TRAWLERS IN RETURN FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE BRITISH FRIGATES. THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, HAS GOOD REASON TO BELIEVE THAT SUCH HARASSMENT WILL IN FACT BE DISCONTINUED IF NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE RESUMED.

3. THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT IS MAKING SIMILAR APPROACHES

IN OTHER NATO CAPITALS BEGINNING WITH LONDON.

4. MR. SPRINGSTEEN SAID WE SHARE THE CONCERN OF THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT IN THIS MATTER AND WE ARE MOST DESIROUS OF HAVING THE PARTIES RESUME NEGOTIATIONS. WE RECOGNIZE, HOWEVER, THAT THE BRITISH ALSO HAVE A DOMESTIC POLITICAL PROBLEM WITH THEIR FISHERIES- AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS. AS WE HAVE SAID EARLIER WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO INTERVENE IN THIS DISPUTE BETWEEN ALLIES AND HOPE THAT NEGOTIATIONS WILL LEAD TO A SPEEDY, AMICABLE AND FAIR SOLUTION. RUSH

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